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GB 2054 730 A; Plastic Ligating Clips; discloses plastic ligating clips of absorbable or nonabsorbable materials formed by two legs and joined with a resilient hinge.

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Respectfully submitted,

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